

Welcome to Worship! | January 7, 2024 | Baptism of the Lord

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

James Biery

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

And in the temple God's people say: Glory!

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended

And a voice sounded: This is my Beloved.

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

I have called you by name, you are mine.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own,bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response 581 Glory Be to the Father

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 29

Second Lesson Mark 1:4-11

Sermon You are My Beloved

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

^{*}Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made, that have been made. Nothing was made, he has not made. All things were made by him.

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will come up the center aisle and return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)

*Choral Invitation 507 Come to the Table of Grace (only verse 3 "love") Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Receiving Communion Together
Communion Music Beautiful Savior
Prayer after Communion

Dale Wood

SENDING

*Hymn 547 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

*Charge and Benediction

*Dismissal We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that

God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude I've Just Come from the Fountain

Richard Billingham

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Liturgist, Lisa Bohbrink Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Choir Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Sam Query Elder, Kathy Denlinger

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.